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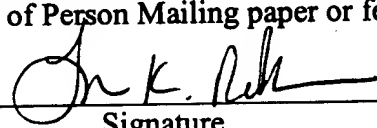
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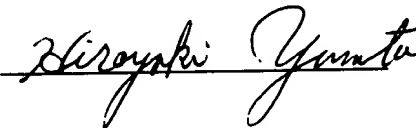
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Attached is a completed Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references cited thereon. Following are comments from one of the inventors on the non-English-language references Pursuant to Rule 98:

JP 11-250934 to Sanyo Electric Co Ltd teaches a battery comprising a tubular metal case 15 having two end caps 16 and 17 for sealing the case, and an electrode assembly 14 within the case having a plurality of first polarity tabs 11a extending in a first direction and a plurality of second polarity tabs 12a extending in a second direction. The battery comprises a positive and a negative feedthrough 16a and 17a on opposite ends of the battery, to which positive and negative tabs, respectively, are attached. The attachment is made by sandwiching each set of tabs between two metal disks 16b, 16c, 17b, 17c of each feedthrough, and tightening the assembly with a screw. (See Figure 4.) The tabs are coated with gold to reduce contact resistance. There is no teaching of connecting any tabs directly to the case or to an end cap 16 or 17.

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The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed before a first Office action on the merits for the subject application.

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